

PAY FOR FACTORY WORKERS IN STATE IS STILL GOING UP

Majority of New York Industries Showed Slight Increase Last Month.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—In the view of the New York State Industrial Commission, as made public to-day by Secretary Edward W. Buckley, "it does not appear probable that earnings will continue to increase at the rate of the past few months. At the same time the limit has not been reached. The great in factory workers' earnings," the monthly report says, "does not appear to have been reached, as the majority of industries showed at least a slight increase in December."

One pathetic line in the bulletin chronicles the fact that "work in breweries appeared to be on the decline in December, the reports showing fewer employees and reduced earnings."

The average weekly earnings of workers in the main divisions of New York State manufacturing in December were as follows:

Food, drink and tobacco, \$25.32; Textile, \$24.00; Clothing, \$23.00; Leather, \$22.00; Paper, \$21.00; Printing, \$20.00; Chemicals, \$19.00; Metal, \$18.00; Stone, \$17.00; Lumber, \$16.00; Rubber, \$15.00; Glass, \$14.00; Miscellaneous, \$13.00.

Summing up the effect of wages and prices on the factory workers of the State in the year 1919, the commission finds that there was an average increase of 13 per cent. in earnings and a 5 per cent. increase in food costs, a distinct gain for the worker. In December one year ago (1918), factory workers' earnings averaged 83 per cent. higher than in the month of June, 1914. The average increase last month over June, 1914, was 107 per cent. On the other hand, food prices were 89 per cent. higher in December, 1919, than in June, 1914, and 90 per cent. higher last month.

Reviewing the movements in the earnings of factory workers during the past year, the low mark for weekly earnings was reached in most of the chief industry groups in January, February or March. After the first quarter numerous increases in rates of pay were reported, but for a few months these were largely offset by reductions in the number of regular working hours. Since July, fewer changes in regular hours were reported, and with the gain in factory operations, wages and earnings became more numerous. The result was a rapid upward movement in the average weekly earnings of factory employees during the last five months of the year.

The December, 1919, average, \$26.32, was an increase of 96 cents or more than 3 per cent. over the previous month, and \$4.25 or 19 per cent. over February, 1919, the low month of the year.

The total amount of payroll expenditures in December was 7 per cent. higher than in November. This means an amount 166 per cent. higher than in June, 1914. The increase in number of factory workers was but 23 per cent.

The largest gains of the month in workers' earnings were in the silverware, cotton textile, and printing industries. These gains are the result of increased operations in the silverware industry, a 124 per cent. increase in rate, Dec. 1, following the settlement of labor troubles in the cotton textile industry, and the 86 weekly increase to journeymen in the printing industry. Other increases in wage rates in December were reported by firms manufacturing varnishes, paper, woollen cloth knit goods, finished cotton cloth and men's clothing.

Reduced weekly earnings in the cement industry were due to the coal shortage in the early part of December, the sugar refinery caused reduced forces and reduced earnings in sugar refineries, and seasonal conditions were responsible for lower earnings in brick, miscellaneous canvas and leather goods, and fur goods.

MUSIC NOTES.

Rebecca Clarke, violinist, and Winifred Clarke, pianist, both well and favorably known to local concertgoers, gave a joint recital at Aeolian Hall last night. Their principal number was Miss Clarke's sonata for violin and piano, inspired by some lines of De Musset's, a work of no little beauty, which they played charmingly.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Warren began a series of ballad concerts at Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. They were assisted by Alma Beck and Frances Moore, singers, and Eleanor Spencer, pianist.

The ninth winter season of the Campus concert course of New York University will begin to-night at the Auditorium of the university. The University Choral Society, William Lyndon Wright, conductor, will sing Edgar's cantata, "Banner of St. George." Edith Chapman Good, soprano, will be the soloist.

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HIGHER PAY FOR SCHOOL JANITORS

Average Increase Will Be \$125 a Year When Approved by the Board of Estimate.

Janitors of the public schools won half their fight for higher wages when the Board of Education, meeting last night as a Committee of the Whole, adopted a resolution proposed by George J. Ryan which provides for a 25 per cent. increase over the present salaries.

The resolution asked for an appropriation of \$438,609. When it is adopted by the Board of Estimate more than 4,000 janitors, helpers, custodians, cleaners and elevator operators engaged in the various public schools of New York will get an increase of an average of \$125 yearly. It is provided that the new wage take effect beginning with the first of January next.

President Prall said he had been advised the Mayor had agreed to the increase.

One clause of the resolution provides for \$1,600 to be used in increasing the wages of twenty-five elevator operators in the sum of \$250 yearly.

\$400 RAISE IS GIVEN NEWARK TEACHERS

The Newark Board of Education last night voted a flat increase of \$400 a year to each of the 2,100 teachers employed in that city. This is in addition to the normal increase which each teacher gets on the basis of the length of service. The minimum entrance salary was increased from \$100 a year to \$1,100.

The sum of \$340,000 was placed in the budget for 1920-21 to meet these increases. An additional sum of \$160,000 was put in the budget to cover new work, particularly vocal training, to be introduced in the schools during the next school year.

BILL LIMITS RENT PROFITS TO 15 P. C.

Maryland Measure Provides \$1,000 Fine for First Violation, \$5,000 for Second.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 27.—Any return in rents of more than 15 per cent. will be prohibited under a bill drawn for presentation at the present session of the Legislature by Howard Bryan, President of the second branch of the City Council.

Actual cost of construction, plus cost of betterments and ground rental, forms the basis on which the return is to be estimated under the terms of the bill. In the case of dwellings or apartments constructed prior to Jan. 1, 1917, the last purchase price prior to that time may be used as the basis upon which rentals may be figured.

Upon demand, owners, agents, lessors or sub-lessees must furnish proof showing the cost of construction and improvements. A fine of not more than \$1,000 is prescribed for the first offense and not more than \$5,000 for the second, or imprisonment for not longer than one year or both.

SAY HE PUT POISON IN FOOD FOR BABY

Stepfather, Arrested, Also Planned Suicide, According to Story to the Police.

WINSTED, Conn., Jan. 27.—John M. Stone, fifty-nine, an employee of the New England Pine Company, living at No. 42 Main street, is locked up at Police Headquarters charged with attempting to kill with poison his eight-month-old stepchild by placing carbolic acid in its food.

Stone admitted his guilt to-day after six hours grilling, according to Police Supt. Biocum. He said he placed the poison in the baby's rolled oats and milk while his family were attending a moving picture show last night, explaining that he was discouraged and disgusted with the manner in which things were going in his home. He also told the police he intended to kill himself with the poison, but got "cold feet."

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